

17 The future with "going to"

Future forms in English are formed using auxiliary verbs. One of the most commonly used constructions is "going to" plus the base form of the main verb.



17.1 MARK WHETHER EACH SENTENCE IS A FUTURE PLAN OR A PREDICTION

I'm going to go see a play this weekend.

Future plan ☒

Prediction ☐

- 1 Kirsty's going to fail her exams again.

Future plan ☐

Prediction ☐

- 2 I'm not going to eat any more cake today.

Future plan ☐

Prediction ☐

- 3 That child's going to fall off the wall.

Future plan ☐

Prediction ☐

- 4 I'm going to cook a pizza for dinner tonight.

Future plan ☐

Prediction ☐

- 5 We're going to get married in April.

Future plan ☐

Prediction ☐

- 6 Marlon is going to win the race tonight.

Future plan ☐

Prediction ☐

- 7 Martin's going to travel around Morocco this summer.

Future plan ☐

Prediction ☐



17.2 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT SENTENCES



Ben's brought his guitar. I think he's going to sing.



The forecast says it's going to rain tomorrow.



I think Angela is going to fall off the ladder!



Ted told me he's going to travel around Egypt next year.



Cal has the ball. Is he going to score?



Look at those clouds. I think it's going to rain.



Oh dear! The waiter's going to drop all the plates.



Sam's writing on the wall. His dad's going to be furious.



17.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS QUESTIONS

Emma is going to start her own business.

Is Emma going to start her own business?



1 Gerald is going to win the race.



2 Aziz is going to sail to Ireland.



3 Fiona is going to teach us about statistics.



4 We're going to run out of milk soon.



17.4 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE FUTURE WITH "GOING TO"

We are going to buy (buy) a new television.

1 My son _____ (cook) for us tonight.

2 _____ Jess _____ (study) French at college?

3 Katie _____ (not teach) us next year.

4 It looks like it _____ (rain) again.

5 _____ they _____ (sing) another song for us?

6 I _____ (sell) my bike. I never use it.

7 Emily _____ (fix) the shower for us.

8 Pete _____ (play) rugby with us today.

9 Dad _____ (get) perfume for Mom's birthday again.

18 The future with "will"

"Will" is used to form some future tenses in English.
It can be used in several different ways, which are all
different from the future with "going to."



18.1 FILL IN THE GAPS, PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE FUTURE WITH "WILL"

Alice will pass (pass) her exams this summer.



1 Ronaldo will not go (not go) to bed before midnight.



2 The kids will have (have) a great time in Florida next summer.



3 You will love (love) the new coat I just bought for the winter.



4 Mia will not eat (not eat) anything with meat in it.



5 My car broke down, so I will take (take) the train to work today.



6 Eric will want (want) to eat steak and fries for his dinner.



7 Noah will win (win) the 400m race at the track competition.



8 My children will not like (not like) that flavor of ice cream.



9 Charlotte will marry (marry) her boyfriend this year.



10 I will stay (stay) at home and watch TV tonight.



11 Arnie will go (go) swimming with Bob and Sue.





18.2 MARK WHETHER EACH SENTENCE IS A PREDICTION, OFFER, PROMISE, OR DECISION



Don't worry, I'll make sure I get there in time for the start of your show.

Prediction ☐ Offer ☐ Promise ☒ Decision ☐

1



What a great idea! It's such a hot day. I'll have some ice cream, too.

Prediction ☐ Offer ☐ Promise ☐ Decision ☐

2



Make sure you take a coat, a warm hat, and a scarf. It'll be cold tonight.

Prediction ☐ Offer ☐ Promise ☐ Decision ☐

3



It's started raining! I'll finish painting the fence when the weather is better.

Prediction ☐ Offer ☐ Promise ☐ Decision ☐

4



I'll look after your dog for you while you're on vacation if you want.

Prediction ☐ Offer ☐ Promise ☐ Decision ☐



18.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

it's to go will sunny. They probably beach if the

They will probably go to the beach if it's sunny.

1

will the competition. know win he I

2

coat I definitely warm wear it's cold. if a will

3

will an new certainly The improvement. be office

19 The present for future events

The present simple and present continuous can be used to talk about future events that are already planned. They are usually used with a future time word or time phrase.



19.1 MARK WHETHER EACH SENTENCE REFERS TO THE PRESENT OR FUTURE

The next train to Liverpool departs in three hours.

Present ☐

Future ☒

1 Kevin lives in a large house in Dublin.

Present ☐

Future ☐

2 The store closes early tomorrow because it's Sunday.

Present ☐

Future ☐

3 Megan's traveling around India with her brother Joseph.

Present ☐

Future ☐

4 We have two cats and a dog.

Present ☐

Future ☐

5 The next flight to Zurich leaves at 9pm tonight.

Present ☐

Future ☐

6 Chiara is playing tennis with her boyfriend tomorrow afternoon.

Present ☐

Future ☐

7 Vihaan likes watching action movies.

Present ☐

Future ☐

8 I can't come to dinner with you on Friday because I'm seeing Nina.

Present ☐

Future ☐

9 We have a rehearsal after work for the concert on Wednesday.

Present ☐

Future ☐

10 Janet is dancing with one of her friends.

Present ☐

Future ☐



19.2 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE



Bharti ~~sees~~ / is **seeing** a play tomorrow evening.

1



The exam is / is **being** next week. I'm nervous!

2



The bus to London usually **departs** / is **departing** at 5pm.

3



Phil **takes** / is **taking** his children to the library tomorrow.

4



Lech won't be at work tomorrow. He **travels** / is **traveling** to Berlin.

5



I can't come to the meeting tomorrow; I **have** / **am having** a doctor's appointment.

6



Mel and Phil **get** / **are getting** married this weekend.



19.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Polly is **having** an exam next week.

Polly has an exam next week.



1

We **go** to a party later if you want to join us.



2

The train from Glasgow **arrive** at 10:15pm.



3

I **go** fishing with my father this afternoon.



4

Terry **works** all next weekend to earn a bit of extra money.



20 The future continuous

The future continuous can be formed using “will” or “going to.” It describes an event or situation that will be in progress at some point in the future.



20.1 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

- | | |
|---|--|
| I'd love to go to the theater tomorrow, | people will be living on the moon. |
| 1 Will you be coming into college later? | driving past the library anyway. |
| 2 In the year 3000, I think | but I'm going to be doing my homework. |
| 3 I can give you a lift. I'll be | I'll be living in a nice house in the country. |
| 4 Will we be having a meeting | he'll be working as a translator in a few years. |
| 5 I'm sure people won't be driving | I need some help with my project. |
| 6 Mia is going to be bringing her | about the new company logo? |
| 7 I'm working as a waiter now, but I hope | new boyfriend to the party tonight. |
| 8 Will you be playing soccer | as an actor in a few years' time. |
| 9 Enzo's studying French. He hopes | with us this weekend? |
| 10 I can post your letter. I'll be going | today. She looked terrible yesterday. |
| 11 In 10 years' time, I hope | Thursday to see her mother. |
| 12 Tomorrow evening, Femi's band | I'll be running my own restaurant in 10 years. |
| 13 I guess Liz won't be coming to work | flying cars in 20 years' time. |
| 14 Marco hopes that he'll be working | to the post office this afternoon anyway. |
| 15 Sophie will be traveling to Paris next | are going to be performing at Funky Joe's. |



20.2 MARK WHETHER EACH SENTENCE IS A NEUTRAL QUESTION OR A REQUEST

Will you be walking past a post office on your way home?

Neutral question



Request



- ① Will you go to the supermarket later, please?

Neutral question



Request



- ② Will you be going to Anastasia's party later?

Neutral question



Request



- ③ Will you be taking the train to Colin's wedding?

Neutral question



Request



- ④ Will we be having a meeting about the new company logo?

Neutral question



Request



- ⑤ Will you help me with my project, please?

Neutral question



Request



20.3 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Everyone is going to be watch the World Cup.

Everyone is going to be watching the World Cup.



- ① I'll be live in a mansion by the time I'm 40.



- ② Marie is going to talking about the sales figures.



- ③ We'll all relaxing on the beach next week!



- ④ Cas will probably earning lots of money before too long.



- ⑤ Is Martin going to be play any of his new songs?



- ⑥ I think humans be exploring other planets by 2050.



21 The future perfect

The future perfect is used to talk about an event that will overlap with, or finish before, another event in the future. It can be used in simple or continuous forms.



21.1 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE VERBS IN THE FUTURE PERFECT OR FUTURE PERFECT CONTINUOUS

By this time next week, I will have been traveling (travel) for a month.

- 1 Amelia _____ (move) to Cairo by the end of September.
- 2 By the end of the year, we _____ (live) here for 25 years.
- 3 _____ Pedro _____ (finish) the painting by the time we return?
- 4 The paint _____ (dry) by tomorrow morning.
- 5 By four o'clock, we _____ (wait) here for two hours.
- 6 I'm sure he _____ (win) more than 10 medals by the end of the year.
- 7 I think by the end of the year Rio _____ (ask) Yukio to marry him.
- 8 By the time she's 22, Suzy _____ (finish) college.
- 9 We _____ (complete) the project by the end of May.
- 10 Sam _____ (graduate) by this time next year.
- 11 _____ you _____ (finish) the assignment by early October?
- 12 How many countries _____ (visit) by the time you're 40?
- 13 By the time I'm 25, I _____ (study) for six years.
- 14 They _____ (leave) the country by the time you get here.
- 15 Dan _____ (retire) by the time he's 60.
- 16 By this time next week, we _____ (be) married for a year!
- 17 Sam _____ (cook) all day by the time the dinner's ready.
- 18 By the end of tonight, I _____ (write) this essay.



21.2 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT SENTENCES



Will Dan have made that chair by the time we come back?

1



I will have finished this book by tomorrow morning.

2



It looks like they won't have finished the building by next month.

3



Don't worry. I'm sure we'll have put up the tent by sunset.



21.3 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

I will have cleaned the whole house by the time the guests arrive.

1 Anika _____ for 10 years by the end of the year.

2 I'm afraid I _____ the kitchen by the time you return.

3 By December, I _____ the piano for six months.

4 The guests _____ all the food by the time Tom arrives.

5 Leroy _____ 18 by the end of next month.

6 In a year's time, Katie _____ in Rome for 20 years.

will have been acting

will have turned

will have been learning

will have eaten

~~will have cleaned~~

will have been living

won't have painted

22 The future in the past

There are a number of constructions in English that can be used to describe thoughts about the future that someone had at some point in the past.



22.1 MATCH THE FUTURE SENTENCES TO THE EQUIVALENT SENTENCES THAT USE THE FUTURE IN THE PAST

We think we will have enough money to go on vacation this year.

I thought Hugo would have been promoted by the end of the year.

1 I think Hugo will have been promoted by the end of the year.

We thought we would have enough money to go on vacation this year.

2 Pari is going to buy a kitten for her daughter.

I thought Sam would pass the final English exam.

3 Do you think you'll still be working here in 2021?

Pari was going to buy a kitten for her daughter.

4 I think Sam will pass the final English exam.

I knew Michelle would become a successful singer one day.

5 Penny is going to clean her house if she has time.

Did you think you'd still be working here in 2021?

6 I know Michelle will become a successful singer one day.

Beccy wasn't going to do the English course, was she?

7 Beccy isn't going to do the English course, is she?

Penny was going to clean her house if she had time.



22.2 REWRITE THE SENTENCES USING THE FUTURE IN THE PAST

I'm going to become a doctor if I get the grades.

I was going to become a doctor if I got the grades.



- 1 Christopher thinks he'll go traveling when he finishes college.



- 2 Farouk is going to start cycling to work in the new year.



- 3 I am going to cook dinner when I get home from work.



- 4 Pablo has the ball. I think he's going to score.



- 5 I'm sure Danny will finish the wall soon.



- 6 I think Ania will win the athletics competition.



- 7 My sister is going to get a cat when she moves house.



- 8 The radio says it's going to snow tonight.



- 9 Craig thinks he'll visit Japan in the summer.



- 10 We're going to see a new band playing at Club 9000.



- 11 I'm sure he's going to talk about the company's problems.



- 12 Kelly is sure she is going to see some dolphins on vacation.



23 Future review

English uses different constructions to talk about the future. These are mostly formed with the auxiliary verb "will" or a form of "be" with "going to."



23.1 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

knew late. Irene going to was she be

Irene knew she was going to be late.

1 you sister Are for meeting this my evening? dinner

2 will finished by end They the year. the have stadium the of

3 here I for working one have August, been will By year.

4 clear Petra win. that going It's isn't to

5 Derek thought at study he college. would engineering

6 lesson Does at past the begin half three?

7 in 10 I'll time, be In living Spain. years'












23.2 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

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|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | The next train to Pasadena | but I made it to work just on time. |
| 1 | I thought I was going to be late | volcanoes will be very interesting. |
| 2 | Tomorrow's lecture about | leaves the station at 4pm. |
| 3 | Tim thought the meeting | I will have finished in 10 minutes. |
| 4 | Sorry, I'm busy at the moment, but | would have started by now. |



23.3 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

-  Oh no! He **is going to** / ~~**will**~~ drop those glasses!
- 1  Sue tells me she **is going to** / **will** start learning Spanish next year.
- 2  You look tired. **I'm going to** / **I'll** get you some coffee.
- 3  Look at those clouds. **It's going to** / **It will** rain soon.
- 4  **I'm going to** / **I'll** help you with those bags, Edith.
- 5  Look! He **is going to** / **will** ask his girlfriend to marry him.
- 6  I **am going to** / **will** see a play at the theater. I've already got the tickets.
- 7  In the future I think people **are going to** / **will** travel to other planets.
- 8  **I'm going to** / **I'll** have the chocolate cake on the right, please.



23.4 MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE CORRECT SENTENCES



1



2



3



I hope Silvia's going to sing all her hits tonight.

I'm going to be working all weekend.

The forecast said it was going to rain later.

If you're not careful, you'll smash a window.



23.5 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

They thought **they will finish** the housework by 6pm.

They thought they would finish the housework by 6pm.



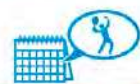
1 Our company **not going to make** a profit this year.



2 I don't think my son **will to be** an artist when he grows up.



3 I can't meet you tommorow. **I'll play** tennis with Antoine.



4 **We going to be miss** the beginning of the play. Let's hurry!



5 Sal **will have be working** at the diner for 10 years in August.



6 I **was going eat** another piece of cake, but I remembered I was on a diet.





23.6 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT ARE CORRECT

In November, I will have finished my degree.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
In November, I will have been finishing my degree.	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 My son thinks we will be driving flying cars in the future.	<input type="checkbox"/>
My son thinks we will have driven flying cars in the future.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Seb won't have finished the decorating by the time you get back.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seb won't finish the decorating by the time you get back.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Look! That child will fall off that wall.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Look! That child's going to fall off that wall.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 It's Angie's party tonight. I'll to bring some snacks and cakes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
It's Angie's party tonight. I'll bring some snacks and cakes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 The train had broken down, so I knew I am going to be late.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The train had broken down, so I knew I was going to be late.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 I'm going to buy that house I saw a couple of times last week.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will buy that house I saw a couple of times last week.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Suki joins us for dinner at the Hotel Bristol.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suki is joining us for dinner at the Hotel Bristol.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 When I turn 40, I will be living in Lisbon for 20 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I turn 40, I will have been living in Lisbon for 20 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 I travel to Paris by train this afternoon.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am traveling to Paris by train this afternoon.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 I know! I'll buy my grandmother a new scarf.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know! I'm going to buy my grandmother a new scarf.	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 John knew there were going be bad delays on the trains.	<input type="checkbox"/>
John knew there were going to be bad delays on the trains.	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Do you think you'll have finished the essay by the time I arrive?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you think you'll being finished the essay by the time I arrive?	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 This time next year, I hope I'll have been studying medicine at college.	<input type="checkbox"/>
This time next year, I hope I'll be studying medicine at college.	<input type="checkbox"/>